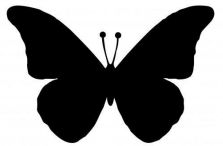
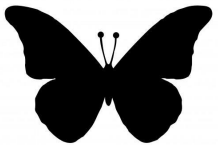
Immigration 101: No Human is Illegal



Relevant vocabulary

- **ICE/immigration detainers:** requests to have an individual held for transfer to deportation proceedings directly from local custody
- **287g/ MOU:** authorizing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to delegate to state and local law enforcement officers the authority to perform specified immigration officer functions (holds/warrants) under the agency's direction and oversight (contracts or memorandums of understanding)
- **Refugee:** someone seeking protection/ fleeing their home country
- **Asylum/asylees:** someone seeking protection/fleeing + already in another country
- **LPRs:** legal permanent residents
- **TPS & DACA:** Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals → these two programs provide deportation protection and work authorization
    - TPS designations are done by DHS secretary in intervals of 6,12, or 18 months
    - DACA is an example of a prosecutorial discretion program, must be renewed every 2 years
- **Mixed status households:** households where family members have various immigration statuses



Confronting Misinformation & Harmful Narratives

They're breaking the law by being here!

Why don't they just get in line?

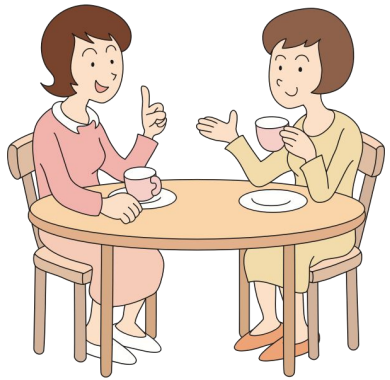
Felons not families

The immigration system is broken.

They're here through no fault of their own.

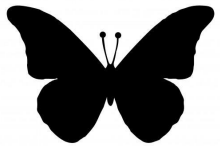
Immigration is a Latino issue.

They're doing jobs no one wants to do!



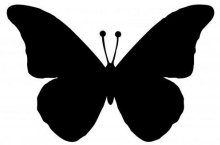
The current political moment

- **What does this look like?**
  - ICE field offices
  - Detention centers
  - DHS agencies
  - Defunding of support services
- **Who are the architects of this latest round of attacks?**
  - Stephen Miller- author of the Muslim Ban
  - Tom Homan- “Border Czar” and proponent of “zero tolerance” policies and contributor to the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025
- **What can we expect?**
  - Pressure or deputization of local and state law enforcement agencies
    - Homan: “ I will run the biggest deportation force this country has ever seen…They ain’t seen shit yet. Wait until 2025.”
- **How do we stop this?**
  - Deny access to our local infrastructure
  - Add to the operational and legal challenges
  - Constructive organizing



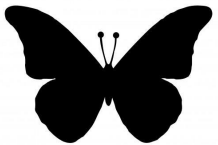
The latest anti-immigrant attacks

- **The Laken Riley Act**
  - Removes due process; expands mandatory detention, racial profiling
- **Termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**
  - Venezuela, Haiti
- **Guantanamo Bay**
  - Enabling mass deportation + detention plus lack of oversight
- **ICE capacity**
  - 109%
- **13 executive orders in the first two days of the Trump administration targeting immigrants**

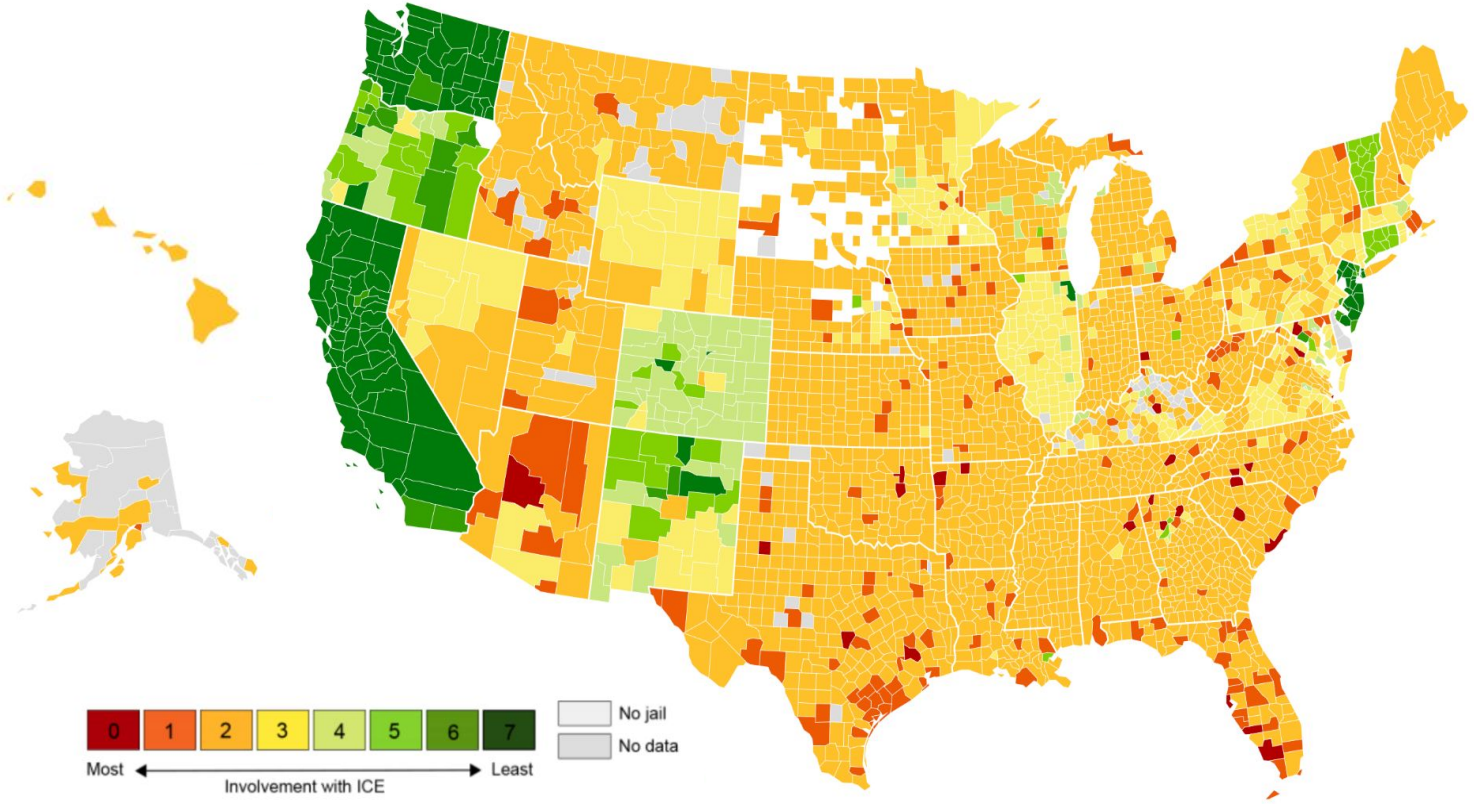


Sensitive Locations

- K-12 schools have been classified as “sensitive locations” since 2011 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – meaning neither ICE nor CBP should conduct arrests, interviews, or searches.
- The Biden administration updated DHS guidelines to expand the sensitive locations, including pre-K, post-secondary schools, playgrounds, rec centers, and childcare centers.
- On January 21, 2025, the Trump administration revoked that guidance, effectively allowing for immigration enforcement to now take place at or near schools or areas where children gather.

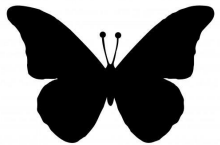


Local policies on assistance in immigration enforcement



How we got here

- **1790:**
  - First statute in the US to codify naturalization law
    - Restricted to “being a free white person”
- **1882:**
  - Chinese Exclusion Act
- **1924:**
  - Annual quotas expands exclusion to ALL Chinese people + other Asian nationals (not just laborers)
- **1942:**
  - Japanese internment → forced removal
    - Including American citizens of Japanese descent
  - Bracero Program & repeal of Chinese Exclusion
- **1953:**
  - 100 mile “border zone” created



- **1965:**
  - Immigration and Nationality Act
    - Ends *national* quotas
    - Racial demographics of migrants changes
- **1980:**
  - Refugee Act
    - Limited Vietnamese refugees
- **1982:**
  - “Plyler vs Doe”
- **1986:**
  - Immigration Reform & Control Act (IRCA)
    - Sanctions, amnesty, enforcement
- **1991:**
  - Haitian Repatriation

- **1994:**
  - NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)
    - Manufacturing jobs leaving the US & income inequality in Mexico
- **1996:**
  - Illegal Immigration Reform & Immigration Responsibility Act (IIRAIRA)
    - 287g agreements, border reinforcement, bans, and deportation expansion
- **2002:**
  - Enhanced Border Security & Visa Entry Reform Act/ National Security Entry-Exit Registration System
- **2003:**
  - Department of Homeland Security (DHS) created
    - INS → USCIS, CBP, ICE

- **2005:**
  - Real ID Act
- **2012:**
  - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
- **2014**:
  - DACA+/DAPA introduced
    - Sued by Texas + 25 other states
    - Federal injunction
    - Trump dissolved it
- **2017:**
  - DACA rescinded

Black immigrants

- New York, Florida, and Texas is home to the highest concentration of Black immigrants
- 40% of the Black immigrant population is undocumented or does not have citizenship
- Historically most Black immigrants in the US were born in the Caribbean
- On top of the challenges of being undocumented:
  - Structural racism (in the workplace, when receiving healthcare, police interactions)
  - Often overlooked in the national discussion

Know Your Rights

- We all have constitutional rights, regardless of status.
  But we can't defend our rights if we don't know them.
- What are your rights?
  - If an immigration agent is knocking on your door:
    - Do not open the door. They need a **signed judicial** warrant.
    - Ask them to slide any paperwork under the door.
  - You have the right to remain silent.
  - You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
    - Do not sign anything without speaking to a lawyer.
  - If stopped by police:
    - Ask if you are free to leave. If they say yes, leave.
  - Record any interactions.

THE SOURCE
FEDERAL AGENTS LAUNCH NATIONWIDE IMMIGRATION BLITZ
Tom Homan | President Trump's Border Czar
CNN
They call it know your rights,

ICE watch

- Bad information helps no one! And is a major tactic of the administration's 'shock and awe' strategy.
- **ICE agents often lie about who they are and what they are doing**.
- Goal is to provide ONLY trusted, verified information
- Information should be:
  - Specific
  - Time-bound
  - Descriptive
  - Photo evidence
  - Type of activity

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ICE LIES

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: ROCHA-Cuadra, Ernesto

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** March 30, 1981
- **Date of Death:** June 23, 2023
- **Age:** 42
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Nicaragua`
- **Marital Status:** N/A
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

- On April 17, 2022, t
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- On April 26, 2022, t
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- On May 19, 2022, E
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Criminal History
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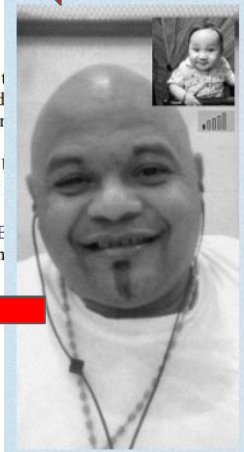

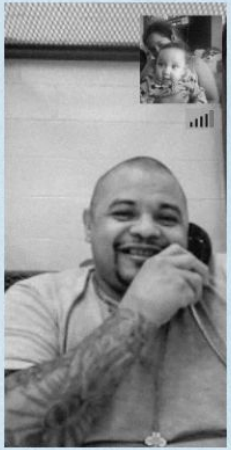

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: MENDOZA, Melvin Ariel Calero

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** September 29, 1983
- **Date:** October 13, 2022
- **Age:** 39
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Nicaragua
- **Marital Status:** Unknown
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

- On April 13, 2022, the United States C
  MENDOZA in El Paso, Texas (TX), a
- On April 15, 2022, CBP transferred cu
  Removal Operations custody at Torran
- On May 2, 2022, ICE transferred Mr. M
  (DCDF).

Criminal History

- N/A

Courtesy of Dorling Peralta

Melvin Ariel Calero-Mendoza (right) stands next to his family in an undated photo. Dorling Peralta (center) holds their baby son, Jasser, while their daughter Aydein hugs her from behind.

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WHAT ARE CHAPTERS DOING?

Socialist Strategy on Immigration

- Center a class analysis which *requires* an analysis of racism
- Constantly explain the strategy of “divide and conquer”
- Fight the fear, fight the system
- Solidarity is the ONLY solution and the only way we build density and power in industrial unions, tenant unions, and to win guarantees of housing, transit, health care, and dignity in the workplace

WAYS TO FIGHT BACK

Defense hotline

Solidarity funds

Resource referrals

Sanctuary city/zone resolutions

Know Your Rights trainings

ICE watch

Phone trees & mass texting

Legal observing training

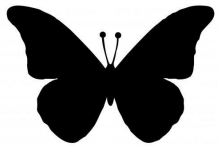
Direct Action

Local policy campaigns

INTERVENTIONS

How can we stop and/or slow down immigration enforcement in the following areas?

- **Schools (teachers, support staff, parents) + churches**
- Workplaces (unions, particular industries)
- Housing (neighborhoods or apartment complexes)



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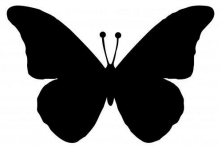

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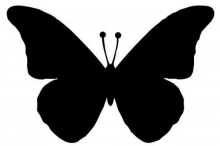


IMPORTANT LINKS/RESOURCES

ORDER RED CARDS

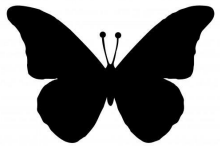
- www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- Immigrant Defense Project
- United We Dream
- Workers' Rights from ARISE Chicago Worker Center

COMMON LEGAL TERMS

- Immigrants Rising



HOW TO JOIN THE FIGHT

Sign up for the International Migrants Right Working Group

- https://actionnetwork.org/forms/migrant-solidarity

Talk to comrades in your chapter about how to get this work started!

- Create a new committee/working group
- Expand the scope of an existing committee/working group
- Incorporate some of these tactics into an existing strategy

If you're not in DSA, join us! Organization is our best tool in the fight ahead!

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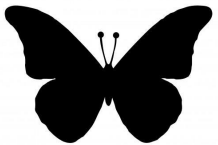

We keep each other safe.
We're safer when we look out for each other.
We're safer when we act in solidarity.
We all deserve to live dignified lives regardless of immigration status.

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